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BOARD MINUTES

HISTORIC SITE BOARD

February 25, 2008

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, Planning Commission Board Room

(NOTE: The minutes are a summary of the HSB meetings. Recordings of the meeting are available upon request. Comments are welcome)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ITEM 1 – ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Board Administrative Matters and General Information

- **Call to Order**

6:30 PM

- **Members Present:**

Paul Johnson
Carmen Lucas
Jim Royle
Margie Warner
Scott Moomjian
Vicki Estrada

- **Staff Present:**

Glenn Russell
Gail Wright
Donna Beddow
Diane Shalom

Members Absent: Eldonna Lay (resigned)

Staff Absent: none

- **Other General Information:** none

B. Conflict of Interest Declaration: none

C. Approval of December 17, 2007 Board Minutes

Approval of the December 17, 2007 Board Minutes; Motion by Scott Moomjian to approve minutes; 2nd by Vicki Estrada; motion carried 6-0-0 (0 abstained).

D. Reports:

- Resignation of our District 2 HSB representative, Eldonna Lay- Gail Wright briefly announced the resignation of Eldonna Lay due to illness. Unfortunately, Eldonna was not able to attend the meeting to say her goodbyes.
- CLG Grant for Historical Survey of Julian – Discussion item 4 below.
- Felicita County Park Prehistoric Village Site: Listed on the National Register – Gail Wright stated that Lynne Christenson was unable to attend the meeting but she sent Gail an email with details about the National Register listing.
- Update on modifications to the Fleming-Lilian Rice home in Rancho Santa Fe – Gail Wright handed out a packet that included photos and a description of the improvements made to the Fleming-Lillian Rice home. Modifications were completed and signed off by building inspectors on November 27, 2007. The board had requested at December's meeting that photographs be obtained by staff to verify that the modifications were done.
- Edgemoor/Las Colinas Draft Environmental Impact Report update – Diane Shalom gave a brief staff report stating that the EIRs for Las Colinas and Edgemoor are not available to the public yet. County staff will submit copies to the board once they become available.

E. Announcements

- San Diego County Archaeological Society meeting Tuesday February 26, 2008, 7:30pm
Presenter: Russell O. Collett: Complexity in the Upper San Luis Rey River: Testing True and Waugh's Model of San Luis Rey Settlement Patterns.
- San Diego Archaeological Center: Saturday March 8, 2008; "An Introduction to Forensic Science," located at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido. Visiting scholar will be Tami Ballard, SDPD DNA Criminalist.
- Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Public Hearing, Viejas Reservation, March 12, 2008; 4:30pm. Carmen Lucas will be speaking at the hearing and she encouraged other archaeologists and historians to participate as well.
- History Conference: Friday March 7 and 8, 2008, Veterans Museum and Memorial Center at Balboa Park. Flier is available.

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Public Comment: none

B. County Department of Parks and Recreation: No report for February as Lynne Christenson was unable to attend the meeting.

C. Presentation – Brian Baca, Chief, Department of Planning and Land Use: "The Basics of California Open Meeting Law, the Ralph M. Brown Act." Brian Baca gave an informative overview of this critical law. He gave specific dos and don'ts on how the board members should communicate with one another both in the field and when discussing projects. Brian Baca also explained that in the future, when the Historic Site Board sends out their agenda, the location of the meeting and time need to be specified.

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM 3 — CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) ANNUAL REPORT

Description: Every year, each CLG is required to prepare and submit a summary of all activity conducted during the calendar year October 1 to September 30. Staff has prepared this report and sent copies to all board members for review. The report will be discussed at the meeting, and action taken to approve or amend. The approved report will be sent to Sacramento, to the Office of Historic Preservation (CLG).

Staff Recommendation: Recommends approval

Meeting Notes: Vicki Estrada pointed out some minor edits in the annual report for County staff to correct before submitting it.

Board Action: Motion to approve staff recommendation by Vicki Estrada, second by Scott Moomjian; Motion carried 6-0-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 4 – CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) GRANT APPROVAL BY HSB

Description: The County's Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU) has received a CLG grant to conduct a historic survey of the Julian area. DPLU went to the Board of Supervisors January 30, 2008 with a Board Letter requesting approval of the project; the grant was approved on consent. The Request for Proposal (RFP) has been completed and approved by OHP. Staff would like to discuss the next steps to be taken in this process.

Meeting Notes: Vicki Estrada and Scott Moomjian were concerned about the amount of money available from the grant and how prospective candidates would be able to conduct all of the work necessary with the amount of money available. Glenn Russell explained that the County of San Diego would match funds and lend staff support to help offset costs. Jim Royle stated that he would like County staff to prepare a 2008 CLG grant to survey areas damaged by the 2007 wildfires. Paul Johnson stated that OHP officer Wayne Donaldson mentioned during his visit of the burned areas that funds would be available. Glenn Russell expressed that Ramona would be an area that should be surveyed and that County staff would consider writing another CLG grant for that community first. Glenn stated that he was going to speak with Supervisor Diane Jacobs (District 2) about the Ramona survey and he mentioned the possibility of using CDBG funds for it. Glenn Russell also discussed the abilities of the fire personnel to predict what areas of the County would be hit by the next wave of wildfires. Glenn Russell claimed that they had accurately predicted the 2007 fires and that if we knew the next potential areas we could focus our efforts on those areas and evaluate those historic buildings and archaeological sites first. Jim Royle asked whether it was possible to obtain matching funds from the fire personnel to obtain more funds for the archaeological survey. Glenn Russell said that he would look into the feasibility of obtaining FEMA funds and matching fire funds for surveying the burned areas. The deadline for applying for a 2008 CLG grant is April 28, 2008.

ITEM 5 - HISTORIC SITE BOARD GOALS 2007-2008

Description: Early each year, the Historic Site Board reviews goals set for the previous year and evaluates progress. The 2007-2008 Goals were approved by the Board on June 18, 2007. Because setting and implementing goals is an on-going process that helps to guide the Historic Site Board throughout the year, the intent of this discussion is to review progress in achieving these goals.

Meeting Notes: One goal discussed was applying for a CLG grant to survey the Grossmont/Mt. Helix area, Ramona, and the burned areas (see Discussion Item 4). Another goal was setting up a three member Project Review Committee. A committee has been formed but without Eldonna Lay (see Item 1a), the committee cannot meet since it would be in violation of the Brown Act since (three people would make a quorum with a six person HSB). Jim Royle brought up the issue of demolition by neglect. Glenn Russell said that now that he is Interim Deputy Director for DPLU he is in a position where he can do something about this problem. He stated that he has already spoken with Darren Gretler from the Building Department about ways to address demolition by neglect.

ITEM 6– REVIEW OF MILLS ACT PROPERTIES – NEW PROCEDURE

Description: The HSB would like to consider establishing a new process to review the maintenance and upkeep of existing Mills Act historic properties.

Meeting Notes: County staff will develop a process to visit properties receiving Mills Act tax breaks to make sure that their houses are maintained as stated in their contracts. Jim Royle suggested that perhaps County staff could stop at those areas (since many of the houses are clustered in the same areas) when they are in the area conducting other field work.

ITEM 7– FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The Monday, March 17, 2008 has been cancelled since no action items are ready for the agenda.
- The next meeting will take place on April 21, 2008 (third Monday).
- Next HSB Project Review Committee meeting will be postponed until a replacement for Eldonna Lay (District 2) can be made.
- Paul Johnson will give a presentation on William Templeton Johnson.

ITEM 9– ADJOURNMENT

8:45 PM

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

Chairman, Jim Royle

April 21, 2008

Vice-Chairman, Scott Moomjian

April 21, 2008